

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 716 - HB 948

March 24, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes changes to the definition of ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) in statute, establishing that an ASTC includes those facilities that only utilize a surgical procedure, and does not include any facility which utilizes medical or non-surgical procedures to terminate a pregnancy. Establishes that a physician or dentist's office is by definition an ASTC if the physician or dentist is performing a surgical procedure to terminate a pregnancy and such procedure possesses a significant risk of bleeding resulting in impairment, disability, or death, such as dilation and curettage, dilation and evacuation, or dilation and extraction, or could result in retention of products of conception that would increase the risk of sepsis, bacteremia, or death. This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2015.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2015.
- This bill removes from the definition of ASTCs those facilities in which medical or non-surgical procedures are carried out to terminate a pregnancy. Such non-surgical procedures are typically lower risk and include pregnancy terminations induced by the administration of drugs.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, there are currently only nine ASTCs in the state, including five which currently conduct both surgical and non-surgical procedures.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, removing from the definition of ASTC such facilities in which non-surgical procedures are utilized to terminate a pregnancy will reduce the number of licensed ASTCs; however, including certain physicians' and dentists' practice offices in the definition will increase the number of ASTCs.
- The net effect to the number of licensed ASTCs is unknown, but is assumed to be not significant.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will make any necessary changes to rules during regularly scheduled Board meetings.
- The Board had net surpluses of \$599,456 in FY12-13 and \$386,355 in FY13-14.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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